English 9

**Romeo & Juliet Webquest English9**

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**About Shakespeare**  
Click on [this link](http://shakespeare.palomar.edu/timeline/timeline.htm) and answer the following questions (1-7).

1. Click on the link to Birth 1564 & Early Years. William Shakespeare was born in what year?

* 1564

1. What date do we recognize as his birthday?

* April 23rd

1. What was important about Stratford-upon-Avon in the 16th century?

* In the sixteenth century Stratford-upon-Avon was an important agricultural center and market town, its market being licensed in the twelfth century by Richard I.

1. Click on the link for 1594 and find the acting companies Shakespeare was associated with in the early days. Name one.

* The queens men

1. Click on 1599 The Great Globe. What is the probable year that Romeo and Juliet was written?

* 1595

1. Scroll down to the section "Construction of the Globe," and answer these questions:
   1. Where did the timbers to build the Globe come from?

* They came from the first original playhouse
  1. Who was the carpenter who built the Globe?
* Peter Smith
  1. What was Shakespeare's share as "householder?"
* £200 - £250

1. What day and year did Shakespeare die? Why is this an *interesting* date? How old was Shakespeare when he died?

* He died april 23 of 1616. It is an interesting date because that was the day he was born too. He was 51 when he died.

**About Marriage**  
Click on [this link](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/9.html) and answer the next questions (8-10).

1. Romeo & Juliet marry secretly, but because she is trying to escape the arranged marriage to Paris. Read this site about marriage in Elizabethan England and answer these questions.
   1. What does betrothal mean?

* The person who you are engaged to.
  1. Name three marriage and betrothal customs found on this page.
* Consent, Exchange of tokens and consummation

1. Click on the link for "more wedding customs."
   1. What color should the bride's dress be?

* It can be any fashion of color or cut.
  1. How is the intention to marry announced? What happens if it is not announced previous to the event?
* It must be announced in the church three times. If not announced previous to the event it is illegal.
  1. Describe the wedding procession.
  2. What is a dowry?

1. Explain how important is a wedding ring to the Elizabethans?

Very important

**About Food**  
Click on [this link](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/46.html) and continue (11-13).

1. How many meals do people generally eat each day?

2 meals a day

1. Click [here](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/38.html). Why would people in Shakespeare's day not know what a chocolate chip cookie is?

Because chocolate has not yet come in the picture yet.

1. Lord Capulet throws a huge party, feast and all. Imagine you are in charge of that menu. Luckily for you, today you only have to plan a menu for a small dinner party. Be sure to use only [food available in Europe](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/47.html) during this time. Choose at least two vegetables, two meats, and two fruits or nuts.

* Eggplants and lettuce
* Deer and rabbit
* Apples and plums

**About Language**  
Click on [this link](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/20.html) and continue (14-16).

1. A famous line from *Romeo and Juliet* is when Juliet says, "Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou Romeo?" What does "wherefore" mean?

* Wherefore means why

1. What does "stay" mean?

* Stay means to wait

1. [Click here](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/29.html) to get the information you need to translate this conversation. Put your translation in column two. Keep the phrases just about the same, but use Elizabethan words where you can. So, in other words, you rewrite the entire phrase but replace as many words as you can using Elizabethan English.

|| **Person A** || Hello. (A sneezes) Excuse me. || || Forgive me, Pray pardon, I crave your forgiveness, By your leave

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| **Person B** | Gesundheit! God Save You! |  |
| **A** | Thank you. Gramercy, I thank thee, My thanks, God reward thee |  |
| **B** | Say, do you know where the closest bathroom is? Privy, Jakes, Ajax, Little room of office |  |
| **A** | Certainly. It's down the street in the Kings Tavern. In the end, At bottom, In the main, Finally, In the final analysis |  |
| **B** | Thanks. Goodbye. Gramercy, I thank thee, My thanks, God reward thee |  |

**About Theatre in Shakespeare's Time**  
"[Actors, Acting, & Audience](http://www.uni-koeln.de/phil-fak/englisch/shakespeare/)" is the link for the next questions (16-19).

1. How many women actors did the company usually feature?

* none

1. Was Shakespeare an actor? What was the term used to refer to actors?

* Yes he was an actor. The term for actors was called players.

1. How were the seating arrangements for the audience? How did one get a good seat?

* The audience were closed packed and there were no reserved seats.

1. What would the audience do if they did not like a performance?

* They would pelt him with oranges or anything handy.

**Shakespearean Insults**

1. Go to the [Shakespearean Insult Kit](http://www.mit.edu:8001/people/dryfoo/Funny-pages/shakespeare-insult-kit.html) and create your own insult. How you do it is to start with the word "Thou." Next, take a phrase/word from the first column to begin your insult, continue by adding something from the second column, and finish it up royally with something from the third column. Type your own personal Shakespearean insult in the table below. [Thou + choice from column 1 + choice from column 2 + choice from column 3 = your custom made insult].

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